

ROCKLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING,
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2010, 6:30 PM
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

The School Committee met on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 6:30 PM at the High School Library. Committee members present were: Mr. Norris, Mrs. Pezzella, Mr. Mills, Mr. Mullen, and Mrs. Werkheiser. Also present were Superintendent Retchless, Assistant Superintendent Scarpelli, and Mrs. Cusick.

Present in the audience were Ms. Salem, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Mr. Arbuckle, Brockton Enterprise; and citizens broadcasting for WRPS/TV.

The Chairman welcomed Casey Regan, Student Representative, to the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimous, the minutes of the meeting of January 25, 2010 were accepted.

Superintendent Retchless announced that the Principal searches for the Jefferson and Middle Schools are moving along with twenty-seven candidates for the Jefferson and eighteen candidates for the Middle School having been received. The Committees have met and narrowed the field down to eight for the Jefferson School and seven for the Middle School. Questions have been formulated and the interview process will be held during the last week in February and the first week in March. It was also stated that the new Rockland Public Schools website is up and running. Mr. Retchless commended Ms. Brownell for her efforts on the project. The Superintendent told the Committee that he is a candidate for the Board of AASA.

The minutes of South Shore Regional School District Committee of December 16, 2009, were noted. There was a general discussion with regard to the School Budget.

On four motions by Mr. Mills, seconds by Mrs. Pezzella, unanimous, the following January Monthly Reports were approved:

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| 1) Administrators | Mr. Sangster, Mr. Stanish, Mrs. McGrath,
Mr. Kohn/Dr. Levine, Mrs. Sheehan |
| 2) Guidance | Mrs. Shaw |
| 3) Nurse | Mrs. Ryan |
| 4) Pupil Personnel Services | Ms. Salem |

On five separate motions by Mr. Mills, seconds by Mrs. Pezzella, unanimous, the following Security Trailer Reports for January were accepted:

- 1) Almshouse
- 2) Esten
- 3) Hartsuff Park
- 4) Jefferson
- 5) Memorial Park

The following February Newsletters were noted:

- 1) Esten
- 2) Jefferson
- 3) Memorial Park
- 4) Middle School

Building Rentals for January were noted. Mr. Norris requested that the categories for the basketball groups be revised to show games and practices.

Mrs. Werkheiser announced that the Building Committee rejected the PLA for the project. The sub-committee to select the CM at Risk has narrowed the field to six companies. The companies will make presentations to the Committee and a walk-thru is scheduled. The Green Committee is scheduled to meet in the near future.

On the motion of Mrs. Pezzella, seconded by Mr. Mills, unanimous, Mr. Mullen was appointed as the School Committee's representative to the North River Collaborative Board of Directors.

The 2009 School Committee and Superintendent's Annual Reports were noted.

Superintendent stated that In-Service days for the 2010-2011 School Calendar have been scheduled. There will be five for the elementary schools, two for the middle school and five for the high school. The high school days will be dedicated to NEASC. On the motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimous, it was voted to table the approval of the calendar until the next meeting.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was voted to approve the request for the proposed home education plan. Motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen. Members in favor were Mr. Mills, Mr. Mullen, and Mrs. Werkheiser. Mr. Norris abstained and Mrs. Pezzella was opposed.

On the motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, it was voted to approve "The Cann Family" scholarship. The \$500 scholarship will be awarded by the Principal to a student with a 2.8 grade point average who plans to attend a two or four year college.

Ms. Regan announced that the National Honor Society will be selling bracelets to raise money for Haiti and that the Poetry Out Loud competition will be held this week. Mrs. Werkheiser expressed sympathy to the family of Arnold Laramee, a former member of the Building Committee. Superintendent Retchless reported that snowstorm alerts will be available on Channels 4, 5, 7, and Fox and that there will be a ConnectEd message to announce school delays or closings. Mr. Mullen expressed sympathy to the family of Joshua Lyons. It was noted that high school report cards have been issued and that the basketball season is coming to an end.

On the motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Mullen, unanimous, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. Mills, Jr.
Secretary